

The End of History

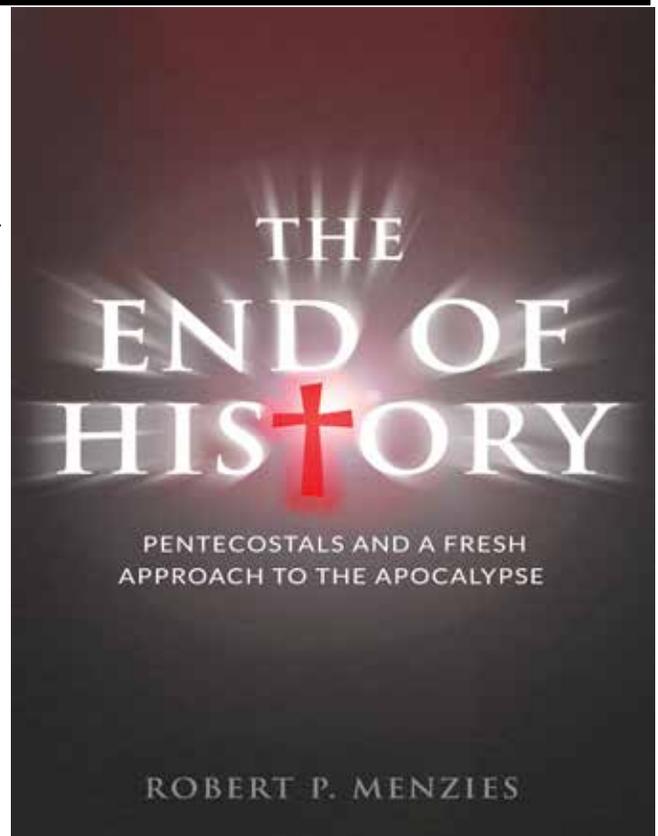
Pentecostals and a Fresh Approach to the Apocalypse

by Robert P. Menzies

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Many believers have grown tired of confusing interpretations of the book of Revelation which feature end-time scenarios that either miss the mark or appear largely irrelevant to their lives. There is also a growing gulf between what ministers actually believe and the dispensational premillennial position espoused in the doctrinal statements of Pentecostal churches such as the U.S. Assemblies of God. Yet, at the same time, there is an unwillingness to address this issue. Confusion, uncertainty, and fear all contribute to this unhappy state of affairs. The result is that our ministers are afraid to preach from Revelation and on related eschatological themes. It is easier simply to ignore the end of history altogether. A fresh approach is needed if we are to recapture the vitality of John's message and communicate its desperately needed truths to those in our churches and beyond. I pray that this book is a step in that direction.

In *The End of History* I argue that Pentecostals in general and the Assemblies of God in particular should reassess doctrinal statements that call for a commitment to a dispensational premillennial perspective. In their place I offer eight eschatological essentials—all of which flow from a careful reading of the Apocalypse—that call us to face the future with hope. This is the case, not because our world is destined to get better in the short-term; but rather, because we and our world are headed towards God's ultimate goal, and, amazingly, we are called to be a part of his glorious, redemptive plan.



Praise for *The End of History*

“One may think the word ‘courageous’ is a strange way of describing a book on eschatology, but that is surely what Robert Menzies has done. In this volume he has bravely called on his own denomination, the Assemblies of God, and Pentecostals everywhere, to reconsider the demand that their ministers subscribe to one of several versions of premillennial eschatology. His reasons, as stated in this book, are clear, biblical, and godly. Coming from one who is not a part of the Assemblies, I can still humbly urge those who do so identify to give Robert Menzies a close reading and, even more importantly, prayerful consideration. This book is not solely for those in that one denomination, but will prove to be eminently helpful and instructive for all who long to understand God’s purpose in history and how he will consummate all things in and for Jesus Christ.”

— **Sam Storms**, Ph.D., Bridgeway Church, Oklahoma City, OK

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“Pentecostals, not unlike other Christians, place their hope in Jesus Christ and in his return. Given the breadth and diversity of the Pentecostal movement, the time has come for a reassessment of the beliefs and expectations regarding the end of history. Historically, the dominant view within Pentecostalism has been Dispensational Premillennialism, though this is not without its own challenges. In this book, Robert Menzies, a renown and trusted scholar and minister from within the tradition, provides an alternative worthy of consideration. His arguments are biblically sound and theologically judicious. Without a doubt, the book will provoke many conversations amongst its readers, and I can think of no better guide than Menzies.”

— **Robby Waddell**, Ph.D., Professor of New Testament and Early Christian Literature and the Director of the Global Pentecostalism Center at Southeastern University (Lakeland, FL).

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“The End of History is a bold yet timely call to revisit Pentecostal eschatology, particularly its focus on event-sequencing. The book challenges its integrity from the scriptural evidence and demands the attention of the end-time belief to be placed at the very nature of today’s life with a sense of mission and hope. The book will stir the complacent theological grounds of Pentecostalism.”

— **Wonsuk Ma**, Ph.D., Dean and Distinguished Professor of Global Christianity at Oral Roberts University.